"The South 40"

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EXTENSION AGENT

In 1956 Westvaco began a Cooperative Forest Management Program to assist private landowners with the management of their forest land.

This program is now available to forest land owners in this area. I want to share with you a "thumb nail sketch" of the program and if you are interested contact Mr. Andrew E. Dreszer, Westvaco Corp., Route 3, Box 135A, Lynchburg, Va. 24504 or call 804-846-5291.

The private nonindustrial landowners of this nation own 60% of the commercial forest land in the U.S. This amounts to 296 million acrfes, therefore the future of our nation's vast wood using industry is largely in your hands.

It won't come as a surprise to say that in most cases private forest land has not been managed for maximum production, consequently p r e s e n t wood growth is considerably less than half its potential.

Westvaco presently has more than one million acres of forest land under management.

Here's the program: Upon joining the CFM (Cooperative Forest Management) program, Westvaco will provide you with the Forest Management expertise necessary to manage your woodlands. Their forester will make a detailed examination of your property. They will discuss with you your needs and goals of your woodlands. Then, in accordance with your objectives and the needs of your land, a plan of action in the form of a forest management plan will be prepared. In addition, the following services are provided:

- - An estimate of timber volume
- - Timber marking and estimating services
- - Timber sales assistance and advice
- - Matching seedling program for reforestation
- - Assistance in obtaining contractor to do forest improvement work and tree planting.
- - Inspection and certification of work done by contractor
- - Timber cutting inspection
- - Tree farm certification

upon qualification

CFM landowners pay no dues or fees and there is no charge for the above services. In return they ask that should you decide to sell any timber or land, Westvaco be given first refusal. Westvaco must, of course, meet your asking price or best offer for land or timber. A letter of agreement is signed to this effect.

They will annually inspect your property and update your plan.

If you are interested in this program, contact Mr. Dreszer for additional details.

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Despite Russia's huge size the country has had tremendous difficulties in converting a significant percentage of its land area to agriculture. A major barrier to expansion has been the limited rain fall. Only 1.1 percent of Russia receives more than 27 inches annual rainfall compared to 60 percent of the U.S., according to worldwide weather records. This means that although Russia is two and one half times as large as the U.S. it has only 4.5 percent of the acreage receiving abundant rainfall.

PRECIPITATION:

	Last Week	This Month	This Year

Stonewall

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Barrell of Culpeper, spent the week end with Mr. J. O. Davidson.

Mrs. Hazel Gillaspie and Mrs. Dallas Gillaspie were business visitors in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mrs. Carol Mince and Judson Davidson were sick Sunday with a virus.

We had a fine crowd out at church Sunday and a grand sermon. The Christmas play was really fine Sunday night. The singing was really good. We are proud of our choir.

Mrs. Bob Harris was a visitor of her mother, Mrs. Nina Caldwell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler, Sunday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. N. H. Elliott in the loss of his wife. We have to know God never makes a mistake.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent and daughters spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant spent part of last week with ehr daughter, Mrs. McNaulty, at Chester, Va.

Mrs. Hugh Braford spent the week end at Richmond to be near her husband, who is at McGuire Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Braford went to Richmond Sunday to visit his father.

Mrs. Elsie and Nina Caldwell visited Mrs. Minnie Burnett Monday morning.

Mrs. James Jordon visited Mrs. Elsie Caldwell Sunday afternoon.

Scouts Receive Awards

Members of BSA Troop 546 were awarded merit badges and promotions at a Court of Honor December 3. Duane Hogan, Phil Seay and Dickie Beals were promoted to Second Class; Donald Scruggs and Jimmy Baxter were advanced to First Class and Kenneth Holt was promoted to Star. Holt also received a merit badge for painting and T. Shing was awarded merit badges for Home Repairs, Emergency Fire Preparedness, Farm Mechanics, and Woodworking. Scouts were entertained by members of the Patrick Henry Boy's Plantation of Red Hill who presented a musical program.

Evergreen

Mr. Edmond Terry is a patient in the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, where she is receiving treatment. Visiting her on Sunday afternoon were Rev. Edmond Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson.

Mrs. Bonnie Terry Cambrel and Miss Sherry Terry were guests on Saturday in the home of Mrs. E. W. Paulette, Sr.

E. W. Paulette, Jr., a freshman at Bluefield College, is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. E. W. Paulette, Sr.

Mr. Harry T. Ferguson, of Vera, visited his sister, Mrs. C. J. Paulette, last week.

Mr. Phil King, of Richmond, was a guest several days this week of E. W. Paulette, Jr. and his mother, Mrs. E. W. Paulette, Sr.

The Youth of Evergreen Baptist Church went Christmas caroling on Monday night. They were entertained afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson, where they enjoyed hot chocolate, cold drinks and cookies.

Miss Doris Hughes was guest Monday night of Miss Sherry Terry.

MRS. HAMILTON'S 4-H

On Dec. 5, Mrs. Hamilton's 4-H class was called to order by Jeff Miller.

We learned several things today. We learned what 4-H is. It's action, real life, love, nature, fun, and that you should be at least 9 to be a 4-H'ers.

We learned what the four H's stand for on the 4-H flag. Head, Hand, Heart and Health. The meeting was adjourned.

Sheila Roach, Reporter

Tops News

Tops, Take Off Pounds sensibly, held its weekly meeting at the Plaza Farmers National Bank Monday, Dec. 16, 1974. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Jamerson, and then Barbara Mayberry gave a lecture, "Overweight and Your Body". Barbara then read a poem she had written, "Santa Joins Tops." Before adjourning, the club members sang Christmas carols.

Each month, the member who has the best weight loss is crowned Tops Queen. The Tops Queen for the month of November was Doris Nash. The runner-up was Phylis Smith. She received a silver dollar.

For the month of December, Tops members have been divided into four teams, the Santa Claus team, the Mrs. Santa Claus team, the Reindeer team, and the Elves team for a Christmas contest. The winning team will get their club dues paid. Competition has been very keen, and everyone is enjoying the contest very much.

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